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The Penzen Oblast Hospital is one of the oldest institutions in the oblast and is staffed by doctors and physicians who have had at least 10 years' practice in their specialties. During the past year, 46 specialists have been trained and assigned to rural hospitals, and 32 middle medical personnel were graduated. In the past 2 years the number of oblast surgeons has arisen from 11 to 37. The number of hospital beds in rural communities has grown 3.5 times. A special seminar was organized for rayon hospital doctors to acquaint them with pathologo-anatomical developments.

Nevertheless some aspects of the hospital's operation require improvement; patients are not being cared for properly, and hospital beds are not being utilized to fullest advantage. The Ministry of Public Health recommended that the hospital authorities act promptly on Decree No 114 of the Ministry of Public Health USSR.

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